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REMARKS

Applicant concurrently files herewith a petition and fee for a one-month extension of time.

Entry of this Amendment is proper because it narrows the issues on appeal and does not require further search by the Examiner.

Claims 14-20 are presently pending in the application. Claims 11-13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ellis, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,606,491. Claims 16-20 have been indicated to be allowable, and claim 14 has been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 14 has been amended to independent form, and claim 15 has been amended to be dependent from claim 14. Therefore, claims 14 and 15 are allowable. Claims 16-20 remain allowable.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 14-20, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are allowable, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action would be appreciated.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary for allowance in a telephonic or personal interview.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, including

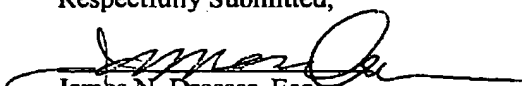
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extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account

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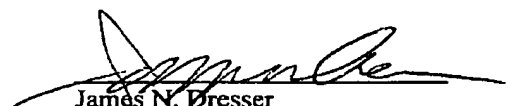
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I hereby certify that I am filing this Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office to Examiner Terry D. Cunningham, Group Art Unit 2816 at fax number (703) 872-9306 this 18th day of May 2005.


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